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JUVENILE ARRESTED FOR FALSE ALARMS

This morning, HFD Arson investigators arrested a 17-year-old male at his school in connection with several mischievous calls to 911 about non-existent fire incidents. Engine 508 was recently involved in an accident that resulted in a serious injury to a firefighter when responding to one of these false calls.

The individual has been charged for a false report, a Class-A Misdemeanor and will also be charged with fraudulent possession of a state ID and credit card abuse, both state jail felonies. The Misdemeanor may result up to a year in county jail and the two state felonies may result in two years in state prison per offense. After being questioned at HFD Arson headquarters he was charged and taken to jail.

The HFD responds to an average of 2,250 false alarm calls per month, making up about 9.6 percent of all HFD incidents. Most of these false alarms are not intentional, such as alarm and detector system malfunctions.